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Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45;  
Alltel Communications, Inc., Applications for Designation as an Eligible  
Telecommunications Carrier in Florida and Georgia

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Alltel Communications, Inc. (“Alltel”) respectfully withdraws its applications for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) in the states of Florida and Georgia, both filed on October 13, 2005. *See* Public Notice, 20 FCC Rcd 18216 (2005). The state commissions in both Florida and Georgia have asserted jurisdiction over wireless carriers’ applications for ETC designation. This is not intended to affect the status of Alltel’s other ETC applications pending before this Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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